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CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 are pending from the originally filed application. Please amend the claims as illustrated hereinafter, wherein additions to the claims are made with underlined text ("abc") and deletions to the claims are made with strikethrough text ("abc"). Note that claims 13-21 have been added in this Response.

1. (Currently Amended) A cart for transporting cargo, comprising:
first and second extendable members ~~coupled at a single point on each of the first and second extendable members~~, each extendable member having a roller coupled proximate to the a bottom end of the extendable member and a connection point at an opposite end of the ~~located on each~~ extendable member ~~proximate to the roller~~;
a handle having a linkage coupled to the ~~top ends~~ connection point of each of the first and second extendable members, whercin the handle may be oriented about the connection point of each of the first and second extendable members into an essentially parallel orientation respective to each of the first and second extendable members; and
one or more bands couplable to the ~~connection point of one each~~ of the first or second extendable members at a first point and to a securing point distally located from the ~~connection~~ first point on one of the first or second extendable members so as to secure the cargo against the first and second extendable members.

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2. (Previously Presented) The cart of claim 1, wherein each of the one or more bands is adjustable.
3. (Previously Presented) The cart of claim 2, wherein the one or more bands is a bungee cord.
4. (Previously Presented) The cart of claim 1, wherein the linkage is flexible.
5. (Previously Presented) The cart of claim 1, further comprising:
a plurality of securing points located on each of the first and second extendable members at various sections of the extendable members for receipt of the one or more bands.
6. (Currently Amended) The cart of claim 1, wherein the roller is ~~configured with a turning capability of 360 degrees~~ pivotal about a vertical axis.
7. (Currently Amended) The cart of claim 1, wherein the roller is ~~configured with no turning capability~~ not pivotal about a vertical axis.

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8. (Currently Amended) A cart for transporting cargo, comprising:
- first and second extendable members, each member having a roller coupled proximate to the a bottom end of the extendable member and an opening located on each extendable member proximate to the roller;
- a handle having a linkage coupled to the top ends of each of the first and second extendable members at a connection point of each extendable member so that the handle is selectively movable between a position that is essentially parallel to each of the first and second extendable members and a position that is substantially perpendicular to each of the first and second extendable members; and
- a receptacle member coupled to each of the first and second extendable members through the openings in each of the first and second extendable members and extending a predetermined length from the first and second extendable members; and
- ~~one or more bands couplable to the receptables-receptacle member of one of the first or second extendable members and to a securing point distally located from the receptacle on one of the first or second extendable members so as to secure the cargo against the first and second extendable members.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The cart of claim 8, wherein the ~~receptacles~~ receptacle member is an eyelet mechanism having a substantially straight portion that extends through the

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opening on the first or second extendable member so that the eyelet mechanism may receive the one or more bands for securing the cargo.

10. (Previously Presented) The cart of claim 8, wherein the eyelet mechanism on each of the first and second extendable members operates as a ledge of rest for the cargo.

11. (Previously Presented) The cart of claim 8, further comprising:
a first cross member coupled to the first and second extendable members at a location proximate to the rollers.

12. (Previously Presented) The cart of claim 11, further comprising:
a second cross member coupled to the first and second extendable members,
wherein the second cross member is positioned between the first cross member and the handle.

13. (New) The cart of claim 8, wherein the receptacle member is coupled between the first and second extendable members.

14. (New) The cart of claim 8, wherein the receptacle member operates as a ledge of rest for the cargo.

15. (New) The cart of claim 8, wherein each connection point is a pivotable connection between the linkage and each of the first and second extendable members.

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16. (New) The cart of claim 8, further comprising one or more bands couplable to the receptacle member of one of the first or second extendable members and to a securing point distally located from the receptacle on one of the first or second extendable members so as to secure the cargo against the first and second extendable members.

17. (New) The cart of claim 1, wherein the linkage is a rod with connectors.

18. (New) A cart for transporting cargo, comprising:

first and second extendable members, each member being movable from a first collapsed position to a second extended position, and each member having a roller coupled proximate to a bottom end of the member;

a handle having a flexible linkage coupled proximate to top ends of each of the first and second extendable members so that the handle is selectively movable between a position that is essentially parallel to each of the first and second extendable members and a position that is substantially transverse to each of the first and second extendable members;

an elongated receptacle member coupled to each of the first and second extendable members, each receptacle member being disposed proximate the bottom end of each extendable member and extending outward from the extendable members in substantially parallel relation to support cargo; and

one or more bands couplable along the extendable members to secure cargo.

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19. (New) The cart of claim 18, further comprising a removable stabilizer bar connecting the first and second extendable members proximate the bottom ends of the first and second extendable members.

20. (New) The cart of claim 18, wherein each of the rollers is a caster.

21. (New) A cargo transportation cart comprising:
a handle having pivotable coupling linkage on opposing ends; and
a pair of extendable members adapted for receiving one or more bands for
securing cargo to said extendable members, each extendable member
having a roller coupled proximate to a bottom end of the extendable
member and a connection point at an opposite end of the extendable
member for coupling to said coupling linkage,
whereby the handle and the extendable members may be pivotably extended to
position the handle substantially transverse to at least one of the
extendable members and may be pivotably collapsed to position the
handle substantially parallel to at least one of said extendable members.